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**WIND ENERGY:** Wainfleet matter includes Skydive Burnaby concerns

# Turbine hearing to focus on two issues

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — As workers from Rankin Construction prepped concrete pads for two wind turbines on Station Rd., a preliminary hearing into an appeal of the project was underway in a community room at Wainfleet fire hall last week.

Lawyers representing Skydive Burnaby and owners Mike and Tara Pitt, the Ministry of the Environment and Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. were before an environmental review tribunal to discuss the matter, raise procedural

issues and set dates for a full hearing.

The Pitts and their company are appealing Wainfleet Wind Energy's project on Station Rd., which will see two wind turbines installed on land owned by the Loeffen family.

The Loeffens have partnered with Rankin Construction on the project. Wainfleet Wind Energy is also installing three more wind turbines to the northwest of Station Rd., off of Concession

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DAVE JOHNSON/QMI AGENCY/NAGARA

Lawyer Eric Gillespie, left, representing Skydive Burnaby and owners Mike and Tara Pitt, speaks with lawyers from the Ministry of Environment, Aird and Berlis, representing Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. and Daniel & Partners LLP, representing the Township of Wainfleet, at an environmental review tribunal preliminary hearing Wednesday.

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■ **WIND ENERGY:** Company expects to be done in Wainfleet early next year

# Turbine construction well underway

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Five wind turbines being installed in Wainfleet should be up early in the new year, says the man in charge of the company erecting them.

"We could have them in before Christmas, but we take a break around that time of year," Tom Rankin, CEO of Rankin Construction, said Wednesday.

Rankin is installing the five turbines — two on Station Rd., three off of Concession 1 — on behalf of Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. He's also a partner in the company with the Loeffen family of Wainfleet.

"We've had the parts delivered for months," said Rankin, adding the turbines are being stored in the township.

John MacLellan, in charge of renewable energy at Rankin Construction, said the turbines were built by Vestas Wind Systems of Denmark, the leading manufacturer in the world.

MacLellan said the turbines will be larger than ones nearby in Halimand.

"They'll be taller and the blades will be longer ... they'll catch more wind and we'll get more production out of them," said MacLellan.

Both MacLellan and Rankin, who were at a preliminary hearing into an appeal of the project on the Station Rd. location, said electrical work, such as installing transmission lines, will be carried out simultaneously.

"We're driving piles on

Concession 1," said Rankin, adding a concrete pad for turbine No. 4 on Station Rd. was complete and the pad for turbine No. 5 would see concrete poured Thursday.

Once complete, the five turbines are projected to produce 26 million kilowatt hours of power a year, enough to power 2,500 homes.

The two men said there was vandalism at the entrance to one of the turbine sites just as construction got underway, and one of the Loeffen's farm fields.

Though not wanting to give too much information about what took place, MacLellan said the vandalism could have ruined Loeffen's farm equipment, damaged workers vehicles at the site or worse.

"It's the first act of vandalism we've had," said MacLellan.

Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs condemned the vandalism at the site and the Loeffen's property.

"It's upsetting to see. I know wind turbines are a contentious issue in the community, but vandalism — that someone would go to that extent is unnerving," said Jeffs.

The mayor said someone could have been seriously hurt or killed.

"I hope whoever did this in hindsight realizes how dangerous it was ... it's not acceptable."

While condemning the vandalism, the mayor said she's still disappointed to see construction underway on the turbines.

"It's tough to watch them under construction because of everything we've been through and the concern in the community."

Wainfleet has declared itself an unwilling host for turbines, despite the Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. project and one by Niagara Region Wind Corp. in the northern part of the township.

It lost a lawsuit against a bylaw that called for a two-kilometre setback for turbines from homes, instead of the 550-metre setback mandated by the province, and has been vocal in opposition to the Green Energy Act.

Jeffs said the fight is not against the Loeffens or Rankin, but the process set out by the province which saw local decision-making taken away from municipalities when it comes to green energy.

"It's flawed."

"It's also clear the community does not want these," the mayor said.

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**DAVE JOHNSON/TURBINE STAFF**  
Rankin Construction workers prep the site for Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc.'s turbine No. 5, on Tuesday. Concrete was poured Thursday at the Station Rd. location in Wainfleet. The location will be the site for two of the company's five-turbine project.



## ■ TURBINES

# Skydive Burnaby opposed to turbines

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Eric Gillespie, representing both the Pitts and Skydive Burnaby, told tribunal board executive chair Lynda Tanaka and vice-chair Dirk VanderBent that there has been discussion between the various parties.

"We have a partial settlement on some of the matters at issue in the appeal," said Gillespie, of Eric K. Gillespie Professional Corp.

The lawyer, who has fought other wind turbine projects in Ontario, told the tribunal board members the appeal will now focus on two issues.

"It's a more limited scope,"

said Gillespie, adding the original appeal looked at human health issues as well.

The appeal will now focus on skydiving operations at the Burnaby Rd. facility, which has been in operation for decades as an airport and skydive facility.

"There are really two aspects to it. The first is parachuting activities. There are 10,000 jumps each year from the facility and in order for that operation to take place, there are aircraft movements," said the lawyer.

Gillespie said the appeal will also focus on collision, turbu-

lence and shadow flicker concerns from the Station Rd. turbines, which sit 1.7 kilometres west of Skydive Burnaby.

As for concerns around human health issues and wind turbines, Gillespie reserved the right to put those issues back on the table depending on the outcome of two upcoming hearings on wind turbines in others part of the province.

While it was mainly lawyers and the tribunal board working to set procedure and dates for the hearing, which will resume in January 2014, three residents also appeared.

Frank De Ruyte, who lives

to the north of the site of turbine No. 5 on Station Rd., Terry Maxner and Andrew Watts, had all requested presenter status at the hearing.

The Township of Wainfleet will have participant status at the hearing, which will allow its lawyer to ask questions of witnesses.

VanderBent asked each if they still wished to be presenters given the limited scope of the hearing.

De Ruyte and Watts withdrew their requests, while Maxner said he wanted to remain as a presenter.

Watts told the tribunal board

he wished to raise concerns with the environment ministry over the project.

"I thought this would be more open," he said of the hearing, not realizing the change in scope would make things more restrictive.

Watts said there was nothing he could bring in terms of the appeal as it applied to Skydive Burnaby and on that basis withdrew his request.

Maxner, who lives south of the Station Rd. turbines, told the board he would focus on the safety of skydivers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

FOOD: Michael Smith visits Niagara-on-the-Lake campus

## Celebrity chef says Niagara College tops in Canada

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QMI Agency Niagara

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE — Celebrity chef Michael Smith says a "perfect recipe" has made Niagara College's cooking school Canada's finest.

The declaration was made Thursday at a Canadian Food and Wine Institute event called Caps, Corks and Forks, where Smith acted as master of ceremonies.

Smith, host of shows that include *Chef Michael's Kitchen* and *Chef Abroad*, is seen on Food Network Canada and in more than 100 countries.

In a Friday interview, Smith repeated his top praise for the college's program.

"I do believe Niagara College is now the best cooking school in the country," said Smith, 47, a PEI native. "The perfect recipe for success is present."

"You've got the campus, facility, curriculum, students and the region itself. Every one of those five elements hits the mark perfectly."

The school, he said, has "awesome connections to industry. It's a well-respected school."

"Students at the school certainly have the opportunity to get more out by putting more in."

Smith pointed to the college's teaching winery and brewery programs at its Niagara-on-the-Lake campus as added pluses.

"You put all those things together into place... it's a perfect confluence of factors that leads to an awesome educational environment."

The Caps, Corks and Forks event showcased the work of students at the institute, who prepare a top six-course meal at Benchmark Restaurant. Tears



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Food Network Canada star Michael Smith is singing praise for Niagara College's culinary program.

of students from the college's wine programs and brewmaster and brewery operations management program each offered a wine and beer pairing with each dish. Guests voted on the best pairing after each course.

Craig Youdale, acting dean of the Canadian Food and Wine Institute, said he's known Smith

for many years and views him as an "ambassador for Canadian food."

"He really focuses a lot on young people and their development," Youdale said. "I know he travels to all the schools across Canada, so if there's a person who has a great perspective, I think Michael is one of them."

"For him to say something like that about us is certainly fantastic for us," he said. "It's a testament for the hard work and development that has gone in over many years in the culinary program."

College professor chef Michael Olson — himself a celebrity chef — said students

and staff are "battered."

"There's a whole bunch of people in our department working very hard to do our best to make sure the student gets a good experience," Olson said, adding the culture at the school is also a hard-working and modest one.

"We'll all put it as a feather in

our cap here, then go back to work and keep doing the right things every Monday morning."

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## ■ ourview

## This Christmas choose to make a difference

We are now one short month away from the big day — Christmas.

As John Lennon crooned, "What have you done?"

Canada has 33-plus million people. We always seem to quantify value as cash. If ever we had a chance to show that true value is so much more than just money, the holiday season is the time to do that.

If everyone took time to do just one little, volunteer for just one effort, give to just one charity, or get involved with just one organization, imagine how bright the lights could shine this season, and more importantly, moving forward.

Familiar are the vistas of Sally Ann ketles asking for your change. This money goes to providing everything from a warm meal to a warm blanket to a warm message of hope.

Some feel if you can't spare the change, you can't help. Not true. Can you open a tin, wash some dishes, or mosh potatoes? Organizations such as the Army are always looking for volunteers. Feel free to offer your time.

Other endeavors also deserve your support — whatever that support is.

Toys For Tots, Operation Christmas Child, Make A Wish, Santa's Chimney, Wounded Warriors, local United Way and Community Foundation

initiatives, shelters for teens, abused women, and homeless at the coldest time of the year — can all use money for sure, but they like smiling faces and helping hands as well.

The true spirit of Christmas and the character of our country has always prided itself on making sure we take care of our own. Kindness and volunteer spirit is something Canadians rock.

Giving a hand up more than a hand-out, is a concept Canadians embrace, and that too is important. These two goals are not mutually exclusive, it is important to point out. Some efforts are best left to the 'experts' and mostly require simply your financial support; others are more grassroots and can really use more strong backs as much as, or more than, funds; and then there are all of the others in between.

Whatever your passion, whatever your ability and means, ask yourself if there is just one thing you can do — just one thing — that will help make someone's life better. Because someone is thinking the same thing about you and yours.

And that folks, is the true spirit of Christmas.

— Fred Rime

**REV. GORD ABRHAM**  
Port Chabon Baptist Church

Do you remember where you were on November 22, 1963?

I do. I was in a gym class at Norwood Public School, Hamilton, when the principal came on the PA system to announce that John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, had been assassinated.

Even as a 12 year old, and now 50 years ago as I write this, the memory of numbing shock and the ensuing chaos, fear, trauma and tears is very real in my mind.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, killed by assassin's bullets in Dallas Texas. It seemed that all had collapsed and all was in turmoil. At the time everything seemed meaningless.

Still today, there are questions, conspiracies, longings and idolizing of this man, who outwardly was revered as a great leader and inwardly was a very troubled man, as time and history have revealed.

On the same day, and unknown to most people in the world, another man passed into eternity — CS Lewis; known by family and friends as 'Jack'.

His death may have been mourned by some but the chaos, media buzz and lamenting around the world completely

covered over the passing of this man.

Lewis, in my opinion, has a far greater and longer lasting impact on humanity than any president or leader. His impact was in the realm of the physical world for sure but more important in the eternal realm. Lewis is responsible, not just for helping us to make sense of 'the here and now' but, for 'the hereafter' — the eternal. He directed countless numbers firstly to trust what was said about Jesus Christ, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Secondly, Lewis directed many to do as Jesus said, "33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Lewis is the author many books; some science fiction, some poetry, some fantasy, some personal spiritual journey, some theological and some direct scriptural study.

He may be the most famous, at this time of increased special-effects movies, for his fantasy series, called "The Chronicles of Narnia." Often written for children it is now the domain of adults and takes us into the

territory of another world through the eyes of children.

During WW2, Lewis was asked by the BBC to speak to his English countrymen in order to help bring some sense to their daily routine of bombings and threats of invasion. These radio lectures became what is now considered to be his most influential work, "Mere Christianity." In these broadcasts, turned print, he argues for the existence of God, the God-man Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sin through the death of Jesus, and the attractiveness of a life given over to living in obedience to God through Jesus Christ.

Still filling shelves in bookstores, books by CS Lewis have left a legacy that honors God and points pilgrims to faith in Jesus Christ. His writing gives us hope and meaning in a, sometimes, senseless time.

I am sure that the moment after CS (Jack) Lewis closed his eyes in death, and stood before his holy God, Jesus Christ he heard the words, "well done, my good and faithful servant, enter into your rest" from His Father in Heaven.

Lewis moved from the shadowlands of this life to the reality of the presence of Jesus Christ — "Asian," The LION!

## The ladies of Laugh & Learn ... dangerous



**WILLIAM THOMAS**  
HUNOUR

On the second Sunday of this month I made the mistake of showing up for a speaking engagement at the Holiday Inn in St. Catharines — "breakfast at 9 a.m. then you."

The Laugh & Learn Committee is presented annually by Lionsess Clubs of Ontario with money going to great causes such as training dog guides and building homes for deaf and blind adults, all under the umbrella of Lions Club International.

Although I saw very little learning going on, essentially these 150 women had checked into a hotel for three days to get away from their husband and kids. And laugh. Oh how they laughed.

Trinacutes into breakfast two things became clear to me. One, these women were completely out of control and tearing apart the seams of society as we know it. And two, I was scared 'shitless' of them.

Before I spoke, the treasurer delivered her report ... yeah, I wished. Before I spoke, not one but three Snitch Bitches delivered their reports on the nefarious goings on of the weekend. Yeah, Snitch Bitches, spies in the midst of misbehaving ladies.

Several women were scolded and then forced to change on their spot, lying about their weight and owning up to less glasses of wine than they actually consumed.

Janet Dawson Brock who had made the drive from Kitchener to St. Catharines on Friday was introduced. Janet had checked into the hotel early, sent the doorman off to park her car and waited for the fun to begin.

Unfortunately, she had checked into White Oaks, a hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake and not this Holiday Inn in St. Catharines. The Snitch Bitches fined her, then doubled the fine because she was the group's founder and doubled the fine again because she was blond.

Yes, doing unbelievably stupid things warrants the harshest punishment from the Snitch Bitches and this part of their program is sponsored by the Rob Ford Foundation. Not a bad idea, huh? A Snitch Bitch at Toronto City Hall and Rob Ford would be the sole occupant of the Don Jail from now until Eobanese the President is elected. So you can imagine when I finally did get to the microphone, I felt like that guy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last

summer who was walking along on a restored Second World War Tiger Moth when he heard the engine sputter and die.

"Me and 150 women! If memory serves, isn't that what got Tiger Woods in trouble?"

"Me and 150 women in the same room and I'm not even Mormon." I did it but a week of the bright lights of the conference beginning with the hot topic at my breakfast table known as last night's "kilt tilt." Apparently this fun-loving group of gals arranged for a Scottish pipe to ceremoniously bring them into the gala ballroom the morning before. It was all pomp and circumstance until a 7-8 shirt lady, a chatter from Beaverville was unable to curb her curiosity.

That's right, while the Scot was busy with his pipes, Gertie lifted his kilt to sneak a peek at the other one. Straight-faced and looking right at me she said: "That kilt would be the only thing that man could be proud of."

Fearing for my own privacy, I cleared my throat and said: "Now Gertie, you understand I'm wearing pants which are tightly belted."

As casual as can be said: "Oh, that wouldn't stop me."

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## LAUGHS

# It was an event to remember

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I moved on quickly to cover what I'll call the "Scotchgard" incident in which last night's singing entertainer brought a quiet little lady named June from Tillsonburg on stage. The man began to sing a love song to June. And it went really well until he experienced a case of a wardrobe malfunction. Apparently this guy had been heavily "scotchgarding" his clothes because June's hands kept sliding from his waist down to what the ladies like to call "impressive buns." The man kept raising June's hand but it was a long song, and that damn Scotchgard and well ... the guy got molested to the hoots and hollers of 149 women who right now, in the same ballroom, could turn on me in a heartbeat.

I won't even describe to you the scene of Nancy from nearby Grantham trying to place a big balloon over the plug of the entertainer's air compressor as a room full of women clapped and slammed the tables but ... but if the United Nations video showing the correct way to apply a condom falls as badly as Nancy did, we're in for a severe

spike in world population.

Although the Snitch Bitches are a scary lot — imagine the Gestapo in spandex — Head Snitch Blitch Evelyn is downright evil. She made it known that she had made a surreptitious trip to Wainfleet last week and caught me, on video no less, doing some pretty insane things. So naturally I had to fuss up in front of them all, admitting that yes, I had smoked crack cocaine but only once, the day Evelyn was filming me and I could not remember what day that was because I was blind drunk at the time and anyway I was sincerely, sincerely sorry. That bought me enough time to run out a side entrance and jam a chair up against the door as I fled.

I drove out of the parking lot, still perspiring profusely but feeling good like I'd just gotten out of prison. I had survived, I thought, safe and mostly sound. Unlike say Janet Brock who I noticed was still tied to a telephone pole across the street in front of Best Buy. Laugh & Learn — a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me.

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## POLICE: Niagara Falls facility to open in 2015

## Ground broken on police headquarters

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QMI Agency Niagara

NIAGARA FALLS — All the talk, all the planning and all the squabbling is over — shovels have finally hit the ground for the new Niagara Regional Police headquarters in Niagara Falls.

On a wet, windy afternoon, police and dignitaries gathered under a tent on the future site of the service's \$83-million headquarters and 2 District facility. The location, off Valley Way near the existing Ontario Provincial Police station, will be an 18,500-square-metre, four-storey building on 33 hectares of land, expected to open in November 2015.

"I appreciate we're finally at the point of checking this one off our list," said Niagara Region Chair Gary Burroughs, who added discussions of a new headquarters began in 1989. "We've been talking about it, we've had fights about it ... today is when we're moving ahead."

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MIKE ORATATTA/QMI AGENCY NIAGARA

Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire with drawings of the new police headquarters. Regional officials and dignitaries marked the start of construction of the new facility at a ground-breaking event on Valley Way in Niagara Falls, on Nov. 18, 2013.

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## ■ NEW HEADQUARTERS

# Headquarters near busy area of Falls

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The project will also include a 1,980-square-metre new district office in St. Catharines to replace the outdated headquarters building on Church St.

It will be the biggest single project the region has ever undertaken, said

Burroughs.

The Niagara Falls district office on Morrison St. will close when the new headquarters opens.

"It's going to be a wonderful site,"

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said the new building will send a strong, vi-

sual message at a "major corridor" in the city, near the Stanley Ave. and Hwy. 420 intersection.

"Millions of people go down this road every year, and what a great place to have a strong police presence," he said. "This sends a message to tourists

— this is a safe community.

"I don't see any downside," he added after the news conference. "When I go up to Peel and these other areas, it's a high profile presence for the headquarters. Niagara deserves the same."

The sleek, grey structure is designed

for "efficiency and effectiveness," said Chief Jeff McGuire. Several departments will be under one roof, housing approximately 680 police service and civilian staff.

McGuire, chief for 18 months, said there's always a moral boost to go from an aged facility to something brand new.

"It's good for any workforce, not just police," he said. "To have a good, efficient, well-operating workplace to go to and do your job, you'll see the reflection in the work of the people."

"Sometimes, it can almost be depressing working out of a place where things just don't work and everything's worn out."

McGuire expects a site for the new St. Catharines detachment to be chosen early in the new year. It should open at the same time as the new headquarters.

He downplayed any lingering resentment of the headquarters' Niagara Falls location by pointing to the NRP patch on his uniform.

"I says Regional Police. When we joined this service, we had to be prepared to work anywhere in the region. You're working for all the citizens of the region, not just one city."

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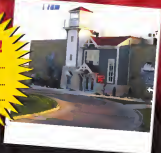
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## NOVEMBER 30

## CHRISTMAS TEA

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## A SONG FOR ALL SEASONS

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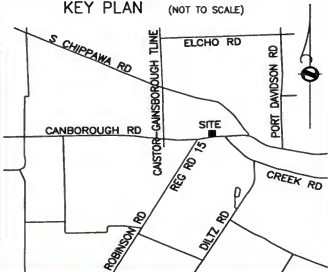
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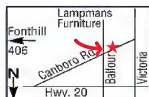
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER 30TH*****Santa Arrives Downtown***

By Tugboat at 1pm

Experience a tradition unique to our city as Santa arrives in Port Colborne- on the deck of a tugboat in the Welland Canal. Greet Santa along with the McKay school choir on West Street at Harbourmaster House. Have your child's picture taken with Santa from 1:30-2:30 pm at the Guild Hall.

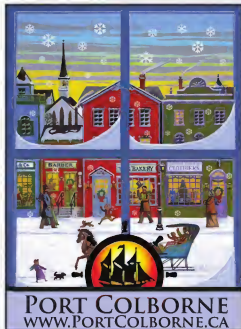
***Port Colborne's Annual Lighted Santa Claus Parade***

Saturday November 30th 2013

beginning at 6:30pm from Port Colborne High school and traveling south on Steele Street to Clarence Street to West Street. Making its way south on to West Street to Charlotte Street, the parade will then travel west on Charlotte Street to end at the Market Square, in front of City Hall. Children are then welcome to visit with Santa I the Guild Hall and enjoy hot chocolate. Port Colborne Optimist's Club will be collecting non-perishable food and toy donations along the route for the Food Bank.

**DECEMBER 1ST*****Grand Old Christmas Festival***

Noon to 4pm at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. Enjoy Christmas music, hot apple



cider and roasted chestnuts as the children have their photo taken with Santa. Experience a true traditional treat- visit Arabella's Tea Room for a hot cup of tea and Christmas pudding. For more information call 905-834-7604.

**DECEMBER 2ND- 7TH*****Pudding and Sauce Week at Arabella's Tea Room***

Arabella's Tea Room serves Christmas pudding and sauce all week. Located at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. For more information call 905-834-7604.

**DECEMBER 7TH**

***The Port Colborne Lioness presents "Breakfast with Santa"***  
Seating at 9am and 10:30am for a

pancake breakfast, including coffee or juice and a visit with Santa at the Lioness Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased at Tucks Jewelers or from a Lioness.

**DECEMBER 27TH*****Boxing Week Sales Begin***

Downtown Port Colborne- Individual shop hours and days of operation may vary.

**DECEMBER 31ST*****Kidz New Year's Eve Carnival***

Ring in the New Year with free skating, swimming, face painting, cookie decorating, games, a shootout competition and a Mad Scientist show. From 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Join us for a fireworks display in the field behind the Vale Health & Wellness Centre at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit us at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)







# CHRISTMAS IN PORT

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## Celebrate Christmas in Port Colborne

Where else but Port Colborne can you witness Santa floating into town on a tugboat, feast on old-fashioned homemade Christmas pudding and feel the warmth from local merchants as if you're visiting old friends?

Take a stroll through your hometown, where seasonal spirit abounds! Restaurant and deli-owners are ready to roll out the holiday welcome mat, and dozens of downtown shops are stocked with everything from unique gifts and clothing to jewellery, floral, bath and body products and candy, to name only a few.

Special events like Santa's arrival alongside West Street, the annual lighted Christmas Parade and Grand Old Christmas Festival, are all local traditions which help define the Port Colborne community, create lasting memories, and bring residents together.

Check out MOONLIGHT MADNESS sales on Friday, Dec. 13 and Friday, Dec. 20, when downtown stores will be open until 9 p.m.;

then be sure to take advantage of special BOXING WEEK bargains starting Friday, Dec. 27.

This year, you can make Christmas shopping an enjoyable experience instead of a chore. Leave your wish list downtown, where husbands, boyfriends and other shoppers can purchase gifts with no guesswork from all of your favourite stores!

By shopping locally, you're helping support merchants who, in turn, contribute to their community and strengthen Port Colborne's economy.

"People really enjoy the atmosphere and the small-town charm that we have to offer," says Jeff Ballin, Downtown Marketing Coordinator for the BIA.

In his opinion, shopping in a downtown atmosphere offers a much friendlier alternative to the big box store experience.

"At the big box stores, you have to leave one and go outside to go to another one anyway, so why not support your own community?"

In addition, independent retailers are offering extra holiday specials such as hot apple cider during the days and weeks leading up to Christmas, and many will be open late as a way of showcasing themselves to newcomers.

"It's amazing to find people in Port Colborne who come from all over the world and they are just blown away by the operating canal and what we have to offer in the shops," says Ballin. "Even locals who haven't been in a while" are impressed by ongoing improvements downtown, and frequently he hears people comment, "Wow, I didn't know we had that!"

Stories by Cathy Pelletier  
for The Tribune



### From our family to yours...

On behalf of members of City Council and City Staff, may I extend to you and your family best wishes throughout the Holiday Season.

During this wonderful time of year, all roads lead home. Enjoy and nurture the time with your family and friends and please support our local businesses as they support our community all year round.

Mayor Vance Badawey



## Our Community celebrates the Holidays together

Thank you to all the children who submitted Port Colborne Christmas art for the City's 2013 Christmas card. These five images were chosen. Congratulations to Kathryn, Emma, Desiree, Megan and Isabella who will be featured on the Mayor's Float in the Christmas Parade on November 30th.



KATHRYN MULLINS  
Grade 8, St. Patrick School



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## Lighted Santa Claus Parade

Returning after a first successful appearance last year, the Notre Dame Drum Line will once again be a highlight of Port Colborne's Annual Lighted Santa Claus Parade on Saturday Nov. 30.

Sway to infectious, captivating rhythms of musical marching bands and capture the Christmas spirit while watching colourful floats and characters of the parade's pageantry roll past.

About 50 entries, ranging from choirs to science clubs to youth organizations are ready to march the parade route, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Port Colborne High School on Steele Street and travelling south to Clarence Street where it will move east to West Street. Winding its way south on West Street to Charlotte Street, the parade will then head west on Charlotte, ending at the Market Square in front of City Hall.

Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa at the Market Square, where hot chocolate and Timbits will be served following the parade.

The Port Colborne Optimist Club will collect non-perishable food donations along the route for the Food Bank, and Santa's Helpers will gladly accept new, unwrapped toys for Port Cares.



## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

The festive fun starts on Saturday, Nov. 30, when "Probably the best Santa around," according to Balin, will chug his way down the canal on the J.W. Cooper Tugboat at 1 p.m.



The McKay Public School Choir and students from the Music Depot Choir will entertain the crowd, and children will be invited to have their photo taken with Santa from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Guild Hall for a nominal fee while enjoying free fair trade hot chocolate and goodies, along with holiday-themed arts and crafts.

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## Christmas Concerts at the Roselawn

Soothe your stress and help save a local treasure! Celebrate Christmas at the Roselawn Centre for Arts & Entertainment with three diverse festive concerts, on Dec. 1, 8 and 15.

"It will restore your faith in Christmas," according to co-organizer William Thomas, who finds in live music a personal holiday respite.

"This is my escape," he explains. "I've got to get away from the mall, to get some friends and listen to some Christmas music."

For the third time, the Toronto All-Star Big Band will perform a special blend of swinging seasonal arrangements from the likes of Les Brown, Louis Armstrong and Harry Connick Jr. at the Roselawn Centre, located at 296 Fielden Ave. in Port Colborne. On Sunday, Dec. 1, the band's cool Yule show promises to capture the golden age of the big band era with its trademark brilliant programming, slick choreography and witty cultural nostalgia.

"We like to play in Port Colborne," states Artistic Director Zygmunt Jedrzejek, adding that the band enjoys a special relationship with Roselawn audiences, having played three consecutive Jazz on the Lawn concerts during Canal Days.

However, he hastens to add that "Even if you've seen them already, 80 per cent will be brand new music," since the enthusiastic university students thrive on constantly adding new music to their repertoire.

"The average age is 18 or 19," he explains, describing the band's youthful members. "It's not too often these days that you get a 17-piece band of instrumentalists and five vocalists, and it's quite a juxtaposition to hear young people play music from the 1930s and 1940s, that their grandparents probably listened to. That makes it interesting and they have a lot of energy to bring," he says, along with fun choreography.

The resurgence of swing-style music and its growing popularity is due in part, explains Jedrzejek, to artists like Michael Bublé, who have successfully bridged generations by putting a youthful spin on older music.

Sunday, Dec. 8 marks the Roselawn's debut appearance of the Street Haven Women's Choir, an unusual group which was created in 2000, drawing choristers from within the women's shelter, as the singers who use the shelter's services learned music ranging from Mozart to modern folk songs.

As one former Street Haven resident and choir member described it, "Singing lifts you up. It's serenity for me, singing. It's bringing back my voice. It's a good feeling when you go in front of people; you are not being judged, but being heard."

Featured on local television and in news stories, the Women's Choir has flourished from its humble beginnings and is funded through a grant from the Toronto United Way as well as the Toronto Choral Society, founded in 1845.

The North 44' Ensemble of the Toronto Choral Society will accompany the Women's Choir as members share their interesting and unique musical stories with the audience.

According to Geoff Butler, Artistic Director of the Choral Society, the Roselawn concert will include excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other seasonal favourites – spiritual and secular.

For the final concert, Peter Shea and Juliet Dunn (of the Shea D Duo) will bring their Twilight Jazz Ensemble to the Roselawn stage Sunday, Dec. 15. Shea and Dunn co-host the 'Twilight Jazz Series' which has been a staple of the growing jazz scene for more than two years in downtown St. Catharines, featuring both local and touring artists, such as John Sherwood, Duncan Hopkins, Kevin Brett and the Sisters Euclid, and many others. The Shea D Duo hopes to host their Twilight Jazz Series at the Roselawn in 2014 in the form of a Sunday matinee series, and will present a sneak preview of some of the Niagara jazz artists at their Dec. 15 performance.

The show will feature holiday favourites from their album: 'Christmas in Niagara,' such as 'I'll Be Home for Christmas, Baby It's Cold Outside, and many more.

"With my arrangements my goal is to musically transport the listener to a warmer climate," explains Shea. "For Winter

Wonderland, I have created a Reggae (Jamaican) vibe, for Let it Snow, it's set to a Samba (Brazilian) groove, and so on. It's definitely one way of keeping warm during the Ontario winter."

The Ensemble will also perform jazz standards from famed composers Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, George and Ira Gershwin, and many others. Signed CDs will be available for the jazz lover on your Christmas list.

Advance tickets for each of the three concerts cost \$25 for adults (\$30 at the door), \$12.50 for ages 15 and younger, plus HST and box office fees.

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# CHRISTMAS IN PORT

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## Pudding and Sauce Week

Pudding and Sauce Week starts Monday, Dec. 2 at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum and the sweetness continues from 2-4 p.m. every day until Dec. 7, featuring the popular annual dessert steamed with its famous "secret" caramel sauce. Each year, a group of local women from the Arabella Tea Room Auxiliary get together to prepare enough pudding to last the entire week, so that anyone with a sweet tooth can come to Arabella's Tea Room to try it, or take the treat home.

According to Michelle Mason, "They sell really fast."

More information about the Grand Old Christmas Festival and Pudding and Sauce Week is available by calling the Museum at 905-834-7604.

## Grand Old Christmas Festival

The fun continues the following day with the celebration of a local, time-honoured tradition: the 37th annual Grand Old Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Experience the less hectic pace of a bygone era: cruise around in a horse-drawn carriage for only \$1, and take part in other interactive pioneer activities at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum from noon to 4 p.m.

"It puts you in the Christmas mood," says Michelle Mason, Assistant Curator of the Museum. "It's for families. It's not commercial. It's simple. Children that used to come (now) bring their children. It's just a wonderful event."

Appreciate the art behind a blacksmith demonstration and sample roasted chestnuts while sipping hot apple cider and listening to the sound of children's voices lifted in song, as the McKay Public School Choir, joined by students from the local Music Depot, sing Christmas carols.

Create your own Christmas card on the Museum's heritage printing press, and for a fee of \$2 – or by donation – dip your own candle (including souvenir cup), or make a festive wreath using vines, rose hips and pine cones.

Children are invited to make their own "log cookie" breaded with the date in the wood for a memorable souvenir.

The Abino Lighthouse will sell chocolates and an assortment of lighthouse-themed Christmas cards, and Riverside Berry Farm will serve homemade sausages and burgers.

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## Breakfast with Santa

Children are granted another chance to meet Santa Claus when The Port Colborne Lioness ladies present Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Every child receives a gift while sharing Breakfast With Santa at the Lion's Community Centre, and the Chippawa Road hall is expected to fill quickly, with two seatings, at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

with the big guy, including pancakes and sausage, along with coffee or juice.

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There are a number of different types of pills. They all contain the same type of estrogen. Newer pills have less estrogen than older pills. Newer pills are effective in preventing pregnancy and they demonstrate reduced symptoms of bloating and breast tenderness. The lower dose pills may be less effective if one pill is missed. If an individual goes for longer than seven days in a pill free interval that is when they are at most risk of pregnancy. This means it is very important to take the last pill and the first pill of a cycle. There are some recommendations that a pill with a higher dose of estrogen should be used in women weighing over 154 pounds for increased effectiveness.

Pills differ in the type of progesterone they contain. Some pills are particularly effective for improving acne. DIANE 35 is used to treat moderate to severe acne. YAZ is used for mild to moderate acne. There may be a very small increased risk of forming a clot on these pills, and so pills such as ALESSE and MARVELON can be tried first.

Some pills are monophasic, meaning they have constant levels of estrogen and progesterone. Others have changing levels of progesterone. Both types of pills are effective, the only difficulty with a triphasic pill is that it is not ideal to be taken without a pill free interval. If an individual wants to take their pills back to back to avoid a period, they may still get a period with the triphasic pill.

Sometimes women develop migraines on the pill because of a drop in estrogen during the week off the pill, or they want to avoid having a period. In this case it may be worth taking SEASONALE. This is a pill you take for three months in a row without a break. This is safe to do and may help with the above mentioned issues.

Patients should be aware that some medications can decrease the effectiveness of the pill. Rifampin, barbiturates, phenytoin and carbamazepine can all decrease effectiveness. Experts say that antibiotics are unlikely to reduce efficacy of the pill.

The pill is a good tool for treating a myriad of issues. It can prevent pregnancy, clear acne, regulate and lighten cycles. There are a number of options when it comes to the type of pill you take to address each of these concerns. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to determine the right one for you.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Upgraded technology for E.L. Crossley Secondary students

# Computer lab made from Staples

MELISSA MANGELSEN  
InPort News Staff

PELHAM — A \$25,000 grant has allowed the computer lab at E.L. Crossley Secondary School to undergo a major transformation.

The Fonthill school received the grant from Staples Canada and an additional \$6,000 from Crossley's reunion committee.

With the money the school

purchased 31 laptops, a speaker system, a motorized screen and an LED projector.

The school submitted an essay to Staples Canada and was chosen one of 10 winners across Canada.

"We had won the contest last spring, but it took the equipment a while to come in. The last of the equipment was delivered last week," said Sharon Keller, head of science at E.L.

Crossley.

Janet Cripps, head of guidance and the reunion committee, said the committee wanted to participate in a project that would benefit more than half of the students.

"It was just a really good fit," she said.

The reunion committee also donated \$4,000 for a flat-screen TV in the cafeteria and the remainder of what it raised through the reunion will be put toward the school website and future projects.

"It was the paper and pencil generation that helped to make this possible for this generation," said Keller.

Not many students have had the opportunity to use the newly upgraded room, but Keller said those who have are

excited about the project.

The Staples Canada Recycle for Education contest received 650 entries from across Canada. A school in Hamilton was the only other one from Ontario that won.

Crossley's upgraded room is now a 160-seat lecture hall that will be used for seminars, speakers and class presentations.

Alex Hagerman, from Staples in Welland, said the company is always interested in working within the educational field.

"We like to make an impact on a large scale and the kids are our future. It's a great partnership and I'm great to give back to the community," she said.

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